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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the risk pool for county mental health, mental
2 retardation, and developmental disabilities services by
3 revising procedural and qualifying requirements.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 426B.5, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code
1 2 Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 d. A county must apply to the risk pool board for
1 4 assistance from the risk pool on or before ~~January 25~~ October
1 5 31. The risk pool board shall make its final decisions on or
1 6 before ~~February 25~~ December 15 regarding acceptance or
1 7 rejection of the applications for assistance and the total
1 8 amount accepted shall be considered obligated.
1 9 Sec. 2. Section 426B.5, subsection 2, paragraph e,
1 10 subparagraph (3), Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as
1 11 follows:
1 12 (3) ~~At the close of~~ In the fiscal year that ~~immediately~~
1 13 ~~preceded~~ commenced two years prior to the fiscal year of
1 14 application, the county's services fund ending balance under
1 15 generally accepted accounting principles was equal to or less
1 16 than twenty percent of the county's actual gross expenditures
1 17 for that fiscal year.
1 18 Sec. 3. Section 426B.5, subsection 2, paragraph i,
1 19 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2007, is amended to
1 20 read as follows:
1 21 ~~A county may apply for preapproval for risk pool~~
1 22 ~~assistance. A county may submit a preapproval application~~
1 23 ~~beginning on July 1 for the fiscal year of submission and the~~
1 24 ~~risk pool board shall notify the county of the risk pool~~
1 25 ~~board's decision concerning the application within forty-five~~
1 26 ~~days of receiving the application. Whether for a preapproval~~
1 27 ~~or regular application, risk~~ Risk pool assistance shall only
1 28 be made available to address one or more of the following
1 29 circumstances:
1 30 Sec. 4. Section 426B.5, subsection 2, paragraph j, Code
1 31 Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 32 j. Subject to the amount available and obligated from the
1 33 risk pool for a fiscal year, the department of human services
1 34 shall annually calculate the amount of moneys due to eligible
1 35 counties in accordance with the board's decisions and that
2 1 amount is appropriated from the risk pool to the department
2 2 for payment of the moneys due. The department shall authorize
2 3 the issuance of warrants payable to the county treasurer for
2 4 the amounts due and the warrants shall be issued on or before
2 5 ~~the close of the fiscal year~~ January 1.
2 6 EXPLANATION
2 7 This bill relates to the risk pool for county mental
2 8 health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities
2 9 (MH/MR/DD) services in Code section 426B.5 by revising
2 10 procedural and qualifying requirements.
2 11 The bill changes the application deadline from January 25
2 12 to October 31, requires the risk pool board to issue its
2 13 decisions on or before December 15 instead of February 25,
2 14 eliminates a preapproval application process, and requires the
2 15 warrants for risk pool assistance to be issued on or before
2 16 January 1 instead of by the end of the fiscal year. Under
2 17 current law, to qualify for risk pool assistance, the ending
2 18 balance in a county's MH/MR/DD services fund in the fiscal
2 19 year ending immediately preceding the fiscal year of

2 20 application has to be less than 20 percent of the gross
2 21 services expenditures for that fiscal year. The bill changes
2 22 the qualifying fiscal year to the fiscal year which commenced
2 23 two years prior to the fiscal year of application.
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